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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I support broadband competitors. As of last year I switched to Sonic who is in the bay area. They offered better pricing and services than the competitors. I and many others think the competition is more expensive for the services they offer. For a budget minded consumer one can save probably up to \$1000 annually. Also the more expensive competitors do not offer fiber INTO the home. When they do offer fiber it ends in the street and covers to copper when entering the home. I needed fiber because of the speeds Sonic provides which benefits my household which we share and prevents interruptions. While DSL and Cable can go only up to 100Mbps depending on distance and condition of lines and in addition cable bandwidth is shared among neighbors so depending on how many are online it varies bandwidth as well. Fiber which Sonic offers is a dedicated line ran into the home and goes up to 1Gigabit and bandwidth starts way above competitors' capped speeds. For a multi-use household it has been beneficial where there is virtually no interruptions due to bandwidth limitations and is very affordable compared to competitors where they can charge different rates due to how much bandwidth you want and even then the speeds are not guaranteed for whatever bandwidth package you decide upon. Also I have phone service with Sonic which is also more affordable than ATT and Comcast. ATT and Comcast pricing can be misleading where they start you off at a certain contracted price and then after it is over the prices can shoot upwards \$20 and up a month. That is just not favorable to most consumers who are on a budget and would like to see consistency in billing.

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